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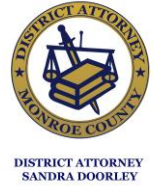
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Weekly Newsletter



Welcome to the first weekly newsletter from Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley.

Message from Sandra Doorley

Happy Friday, and thank you for reading my first newsletter! Each week I will provide updates on what is happening within the Monroe County District Attorney's Office and community highlights.

I hope that this weekly newsletter will show the community the important work occurring every single day in our office. These updates will add another level of transparency to the decisions that come from the Monroe County District Attorney's Office.

Each week I will address various topics ranging from the top issues in our community to highlighting bureaus and staff in our office. It is my hope that the residents of Monroe County find this interesting and learn about the great work that comes from the District Attorney's Office.

If there is a topic you would like me to address, please reach out! I look forward to keeping you informed.

Sandra

Highlights from the MCDA's Office

Charlie Richmond was sentenced to 27 and 1/3 years to Life for the murder of 9-month-old Arabella Richmond on January 1, 2018. Great work to ADA Amanda Balling, Deputy Chief of the Special Victims Unit and ADA Hillary Levitt, also of the Special Victims Unit.

Derrick Peace was convicted of two counts of Attempted Murder, Assault in the 1st Degree, Assault in the 2nd Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree. On August 3, 2020, Peace shot two women sitting on a front porch multiple times. Thank you to ADA Adam VanHeyst of the Major Felony Bureau, the Rochester Police Department, and the community members whose information was critical in this conviction.



On August 24, 2021, **Douglas Smith** was indicted for Murder in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to the murder of a 16-year-old. This case will be prosecuted by ADA Adam VanHeyst of the Major Felony Bureau.

Marvin Rojas-Maldonado was indicted on two counts of Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree, two counts of Assault in the 1st Degree, Aggravated Criminal Contempt, Menacing in the 2nd Degree and Resisting Arrest. This is in relation to the stabbing of the defendant's ex-girlfriend and her son. This case will be prosecuted by ADA Patrick Gallagher, the newly appointed Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

Also on August 24, **Jonathan Dentino** was indicted on Strangulation in the 2nd Degree, two counts of Aggravated Family Offense and Assault in the 3rd Degree in relation to the strangulation of a young woman. This case will be prosecuted by ADA Karen Chung, of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

Jonathan Rios pled guilty to Robbery 2nd and received ten years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of Post Release Supervision for committing an armed robbery. Great work to ADA Kristen Sippel of the Major Felony Bureau and Digital Media Technician Sarah Zanni for bringing Rios to justice!

On August 20, **Lance Mitchel** was arraigned on Murder in the 2nd Degree, Tampering With Physical Evidence and Concealment of a Human Corpse. Dawn Mitchel was charged with Tampering With Physical Evidence and Concealment of a Human Corpse. Both defendants are charged in relation to the death of William Mason. This case will be prosecuted by ADA Sara Vanstrydonck, Chief of the Special Victims Unit, and ADA Ralph Alloco of the Special Victims Unit.



MCDA in the Community

Project TIPS

The DA's Office participated in the last project TIPS (Trust, Information, Programs & Services) to help foster relationships in the community. ADAs and staff gave out books to children in the community while discussing the importance of community relations with law enforcement.

Community Forum

DA Doorley attended a community forum hosted by Save Rochester and Exercise Express to hear proposals and answer questions about gun violence in our community.

MCDA in the News

<https://www.whec.com/rochester-new-york-news/east-rochester-man-convicted-of-shooting-2-women-last-summer/6217351/>

<https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/rochester/public-safety/2021/08/18/teen-poet-makes-plea-during-forum-on-gun-violence-in-rochester>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/man-going-to-prison-for-killing-nine-month-old-girl>

<https://www.rochesterfirst.com/crime/william-mason-missing-parma-man-death-trimmer-road-home-investigation-rochester-monroe-county-murder-case-human-remains-fire-pit/>



Welcome to the DA's Office!

Please welcome our new Digital Media Technician, Bryan Beard to the office! Bryan will work with our extremely skilled digital technician team to ensure the digital evidence is ready for investigations and trials.

WE'RE HIRING

If you are a recent law school graduate or an experienced attorney and are interested in a career in criminal law and public service, apply with us today! More information is available on monroecounty.gov/da.